

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

9:00 A.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 8th day of September 2015 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Trout called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Doshier, Ray, Usery, Puckett and Trout all present.

Chairman Trout asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Doshier made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Mr. Usery seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board for payment of all current bills. Mr. Doshier made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

County Clerk Dozier stated that the first day to circulate petitions was September 1, 2015. The Primary March 15, 2016. The offices to be elected are State's Attorney, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, County Board members from District 2, 3 and 4 and all Democratic and Republican precinct committeeman. Clerk Dozier stated that Denton Aud, Kelly Fulkerson, Chris Marsh, Terry Abell, Mike Ray and Ken Usery had picked up their petitions.

Mr. Brian Ray informed the Board that the State will not be sending the County their Motor Fuel Allotment until the State has a budget. Mr. Ray stated that the current contracts are for \$340,000.00 and the bank account only has \$300,000.00. Mr. Ray stated that he was going to cancel the oil and chip which should keep the bank account in the black. If the State does not adopt a budget the County will miss out on a couple of allotment cycles which will amount to ¼ of million dollars.

Mr. Terry McCormick, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, informed the Board that the White County Ambulance Service has received five pagers from a Grant provided by Hamilton Memorial Hospital.

Chairman Trout stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mr. Chris Marsh, Coroner submitted his report in writing.

Chairman Trout stated that IMRF was endorsing an insurance company that was trying to provide Long term care to it's IMRF participates. Mr. Puckett made a motion that White County opt-in to that program, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Charles Nolan, presented an annual report to the County Board for the Soil and Water Conservation District and asked the Board for a contribution. Mr. Ray made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Soil and Water Conservation District, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Nolan also asked the Board to consider the following resolution of support:

Whereas: Illinois' Soil and Water Conservation districts are local units of government authorized by Illinois State Statute duly created by local referendum;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts were not given taxing authority but were intended to be funded by appropriations made by the Illinois General Assembly, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide an invaluable service by coordinating assistance from all available sources, public, private, local, state and federal in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide services that benefit all citizens of Illinois and the Illinois economy by voluntarily implementing conservation practices and measures that keep soil on fields, lawns and development sites and out of water bodies, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts conserve and restore wetlands which purify water, provide habitat for fish, birds and wildlife, protect groundwater resources, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts assist developers and homeowners in managing the land in an environmentally sensitive manner, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts reach out to schools, communities and individuals to demonstrate and teach the value of natural resources, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts hold and maintain permanent conservation easements for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, property that has been bequeathed to them and other covenants and titles to lands that are to remain in a protected state in perpetuity, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts assist counties, municipalities, watershed groups, organizations, State agencies, federal agencies, corporations and individuals with planning, installation and voluntary implementation of plans and practices that benefit society and protect fragile and valuable natural resources, and;

Whereas: Soil and Water Conservation Districts cannot retain staff or maintain an office without funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly and approved by the Governor of the State of Illinois; and

Whereas: partial funding for Illinois' Soil and Water Conservation Districts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, was suspended; and

Whereas: funding for Illinois' Soil and Water Conservation Districts for fiscal year 2016 beginning July 1 is also being suspended and additional cuts made to IDOA support staff; and

Whereas: continuous funding cuts for operations of Soil and Water Conservation Districts directly result in loss of health insurance and adequate staff to implement programs;

Therefore: Be it resolved that the White County Board hereby respectfully request that the Governor authorize immediate funding from the Partners for Conservation Fund for FY16 grants to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for clerical and other personnel, for education and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1997, the County Board of White County, Illinois elected to establish a Court Document Storage Fee in the office of the White County Circuit Clerk and approved a Court Document Storage Fee of \$5.00 to be collected by Circuit Clerk of White County, Illinois in order to defray the expense of establishing such a system pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/27.3c, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County, Illinois finds that the increased cost of maintaining the Court Document Storage of the Circuit Clerk requires that the Circuit Clerk's Court Document Storage Fee be increased to \$25.00, except for any traffic, ordinance or conservation case satisfied without a court appearance pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 529 where the Document Storage Fee will remain at \$5.00, and

WHEREAS, the fee shall be collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs are collected, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of the County of White, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of White County is hereby authorized to charge and collect a Court Document Storage Fee in the amount of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), except for any traffic, ordinance or conservation case satisfied without a court appearance pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 529 where the Document Storage Fee will remain at \$5.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Court Document Storage Fees collected by the Circuit Clerk of White County, Illinois shall be deposited in a special fund known as the "Circuit Clerk's Court Document Storage Fund" and such funds accumulated by this fee will be expended only for the purpose of Court Document Storage of the White County Circuit Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County of White that the effective date of the Resolution shall be October 1, 2015.

DONE in open meeting this 8th day of September, 2015.

Wesley "Wes" Trout
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
County Clerk

Mr. Usery made a motion to adopt the resolution to increase the document storage fees, seconded by Doshier. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Kelly Fulkerson, Circuit Clerk, presented a resolution to increase the Court Automation Fund fees. Mr. Ray asked the Circuit Clerk exactly what was the Court Automation Fund. Mrs. Fulkerson stated that it was a fee to keep her office automated with computers, printers. The Court Document and Automation fee are charged to organize and store records in her office.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF WHITE)

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION
INCREASE TO COURT AUTOMATION**

Res # 09-08-15-2

WHEREAS, 705 ILCS 105/27.3a, amended June 1, 2014, authorizes the County Board to approve and enact a resolution establishing a fee of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$25.00 to be charged and collected by the Clerk of the Court in order to defray the expense of establishing and maintaining a Court Automation Fee in the Circuit Clerk's office, and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1991, the County Board of White County, Illinois elected to establish a Court Automation Fee in the office of the White County Circuit Clerk and approved a Court Automation Fee of \$3.00 to be collected by Circuit Clerk of White County, Illinois in order to defray the expense of establishing such a system pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/27.3a, and on April 9, 1997 the County Board of White County, Illinois elected to increase that fee to \$5.00, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County, Illinois finds that the increased cost of maintaining the Court Automation of the Circuit Clerk requires that the Circuit Clerk's Court Automation Fee be increased to \$25.00, except for any traffic, ordinance or conservation case satisfied without a court appearance pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 529 where the Court Automation Fee will remain at \$5.00, and

WHEREAS, the fee shall be collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs are collected, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of the County of White, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of White County is hereby authorized to charge and collect a Court Automation Fee in the amount of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), except for any traffic, ordinance or conservation case satisfied without a court appearance pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 529 where the Court Automation Fee will remain at \$5.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Court Automation Fees collected by the Circuit Clerk of White County, Illinois shall be deposited in a special fund known as the "Circuit Clerk's Court Automation Fund" and such funds accumulated by this fee will be expended only for the purpose of Court Automation of the White County Circuit Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County of White that the effective date of the Resolution shall be October 1, 2015.

DONE in open meeting this 8th day of September, 2015.

Wesley 'Wes' Trout
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mr. Doshier made a motion to approve the resolution increasing Court Automation Fund fees, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Terry McCormick, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, asked that the ambulance base fees be raised: Following is the fee resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-1053 provides that a local unit of government, including a county, has the authority to provide emergency ambulance service;

WHEREAS, the county of White operates and provides an emergency ambulance service for its citizens;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority in 55 ILCS 5/5-1053 (c) (4), a county that provides and operates an ambulance service may, "within its jurisdiction, fix, charge and collect fees for ambulance service within or outside of the county not exceeding the reasonable cost of the service;"

WHEREAS, the White County Ambulance Service is currently charges a Basic Life Support fee of \$50 and an Advance Life Support fee of \$650;

WHEREAS, the White County Board, upon the presentation of the White County Ambulance Service and in consideration of other factors, believes it necessary to raise the fees as a "reasonable cost of the service";

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1053, the Basic Life Support fee assessed for use of the White County Ambulance Service shall be \$600, and the Advanced Life Support fee assessed for use of the White County Ambulance Service shall be \$800, effective immediately upon approval.

ADOPTED AT CARMI, ILLINOIS THIS 8TH day of September, 2015.

Wesley "Wes" Trout
White County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mr. Doshier made a motion to approve the resolution to increase the base fee of ambulance service, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Clerk Dozier stated that she had received a couple of resolutions for sale of real estate from the Trustee. One resolution is for a 1.5 story frame home on a lot in Grayville being sold to Steven Beasley and the other are vacant lots being sold to the City of Carmi. Mr. Doshier made a motion approve both resolutions for the sale of real through the Trustee's program, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Kyle Ingram from Hamilton County to the Saline Valley Conservancy District for a term that will expire on January 15, 2018. Mr. Ingram will fill a vacancy created by Robert Wilson. Mr. Ray made a motion to appointing Kyle Ingram to the Saline Valley Conservancy District to fill the vacancy of Robert Wilson. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to appoint him to the White County Community Foundation Board. Clerk Dozier explained that Mr. Scott Wylie had started a foundation such as this in Evansville. He came back to his home County and is trying to get individuals involved in creating this foundation. It would be a not for profit created so individuals could donate or individuals have been known to leave part of their estate to this foundation. The Foundation Board would then make decisions on gifting to other not for profits such as the Summer League, Relay for Life etc. Mr. Puckett made a motion to appoint Wes Trout to the Community Foundation Board, seconded by Doshier. Motion passed 4-0-1 on roll call vote with Trout abstaining.

Chairman Trout stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Doshier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.